

Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park



Concept Plan Developmment

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What We Heard	Project Considerations	Concept Plan
Community Vision & Principles	City of Edmonton	Identified by City Project Design Team
<p>Principle 1</p> <p>The park accommodates unique City-wide facilities and events while maintaining its district focus.</p>	<p>Two City -wide facilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Track and Field (renewed in 2014) The track is the only outdoor synthetic turf located on a District Park. Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL office) is a central office location to support community leagues in the City of Edmonton. <p>District Focus</p> <p>Indoor and outdoor amenities within the District Park identified as priorities by the catchment area.</p>	<p>The concept reflects the need to increase park connections while maintaining the function of the track and field facility.</p> <p>The EFCL office maintains the same footprint in concept will be incorporated within a new facility option.</p> <p>The concept reflects activities and key features identified by the community.</p> <p>Concept to complement existing neighbourhood parks and support a unique park experience.</p>

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<p>Principle 2</p> <p>The Park enhances the year-round active and passive recreational opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor recreation facilities geared towards both organized and casual use are available; Passive recreation design including open space and sitting areas are included in the Park; Opportunities for future indoor recreation facility development are maintained. 	<p>Some of the City of Edmonton Plans and Strategies considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Urban Parks Management Plan, (UPMP) Recreation Facility Master Plan and 5 Year Review/Update (2005) 10-Year Arena Strategy WinterCity Strategy supports the direction for year-round opportunities. <p>The future Recreation Facility Master Plan will guide the direction of a future community facility.</p>	<p>Activity nodes support seasonal active and passive recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Addition of seating areas, picnic tables, and multi-purpose areas.</p> <p>Open space areas maintained.</p> <p>The concept identifies a community facility placeholder, future funding is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility access off of 104 St. and 71 Ave. EFCL building removed and reverted to parkspace <p>Reduce overlapping ball diamond fields to allow for multipurpose use in this area.</p> <p>The concept includes spaces to facilitate winter skating, sledding, cross country skiing and gathering.</p>
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<p>Principle 3</p> <p>The Park has a distinct identity that celebrates community and acts as a hub to bring people together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourages social “bumping places” that appeal to a growing young demographic as well as mature and senior residents; Distinct and recognizable identity and fits the character of the community. Design incorporates features to enhance the safety and comfort of the park for all users. 	<p>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews completed in park to support park development and maintenance.</p>	<p>The concept identifies entry nodes that can be explored in the design phase to include opportunities for art, historical elements, sense of place and wayfinding.</p> <p>The addition of a “hub” near the centre of the park will provide a place to stop, meet, gather and converse.</p> <p>Park lighting will be added along pathways to enhance the safety and comfort of park users.</p>
<p>Principle 4</p> <p>The Park is designed holistically and in the context of surrounding amenities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Park meets the recreation needs of the community without unnecessarily duplicating other existing community amenities; The different elements of the Park are designed to function together so that the entire Park becomes a cohesive and easily accessible recreation zone. 	<p>Programs, events, site operations and maintenance activities will influence future design of the park and further define the recreational experience of the site. The Master Plan report will provide recommendations to support the site.</p>	<p>The concept does not duplicate those elements found in nearby neighbourhood parks.</p> <p>Pedestrian friendly experience where people can move between the different amenities and activity nodes. This is will be supported by visual pedestrian crossings in the as part of the design elements.</p> <p>A range of different but connected spaces/places containing a variety of amenities.</p>

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<p>Principle 5</p> <p>The Park design encourages transportation choices that minimize impact to surrounding homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transit and personal motor vehicle access are available while minimizing disturbance to residential areas and green space; Access to the Park through the Queen Alexandra Community is available via active transportation; Travel routes within the Park prioritize pedestrians including vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, and those with mobility aides. 	<p>The concept considers 106/76 via bike routes.</p> <p>Some others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision for An Age Friendly Edmonton Action Plan Child Friendly Strategy Accessibility guidelines 	<p>Trail through the Park connect to the greater community i.e. link to transit and bike lanes.</p> <p>Pathway loops within the Park of different lengths provide a network for fitness, casual walks and full accessibility.</p> <p>Bus and vehicular drop-off areas will improve function of the site.</p> <p>Pathways will be designed to accessibility standards with rest and gathering nodes.</p>
<p>Principle 6</p> <p>The Park is environmentally sustainable and maximizes natural elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green space which encourages casual and non-organized recreation is maximized through by natural elements (scenic walks, reflection areas, pet-friendly areas, mature trees, etc.); <p>The Park is appropriately shielded from the noise and pollution of arterial roads through the use of green landscaping.</p>	<p>City of Edmonton Corporate Tree Management Policy / Urban Park Management Plan</p>	<p>The concept includes a landscaped, walkable edge to buffer 104 St for users in the Park and those arriving at the Park.</p> <p>Maintain open space to support flexible, spontaneous and multi-use areas.</p> <p>Majority of existing trees are maintained. Some selective removal to facilitate trail and amenity development.</p> <p>Existing low spots and wet areas are repaired to improved open space use areas.</p>